

The Ballad Of Eugene Pratt
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Em **C**
When I was just a young boy, on the okalhoma plains

Em **C**
I tried to keep my shoes shined, tried to keep a clean name

G **F** **C**
Way over town, lived a boy named Eugene Pratt

Em **D** **C**
And we werenâ€™t allowed to talk to him, say hi and none of that no no

Em **C**
I went off to school, Eugene sat right in front of my desk

Em **C**
The kids they made fun of him, cause Gene was such a mess Lord

G **F** **C**
But oh, he worked hard, and he took home a mess of good grades

Em **D** **C**
And when it came time for him to go to big school, Eugene went far away

D **Em** **D** **C**
Cause thatâ€™s the way it was, and thatâ€™s the way it is

D **Em** **D** **C**
And thatâ€™s the way it was, and thatâ€™s the way it is

Em **C**
I went off to college, got myself a job in the campus store

Em **C**
But in the meantime, Gene spent his time writinâ€™ bout the world and war

G **F** **C**
I didnâ€™t understand, all the things he was talkin about

Em **D** **C**
So my friends and me from that old fraternity, got drunk and blocked it all out
(Yes we did)

Em **C**
And then we graduated, lost our deference, our excuse.

Em **C**
And the man said, come here boys, gonna put your education to a good use

G **F** **C**
Went down to the draft board, saw Eugene lookinâ€™ alive and well

Em **D** **C**
But when it came time to put his name on the line, he told them boys to go to
hell (Yes he did)

Em **C**
Eugene was by far the smartest, the most concerned with humanity

Em **C**
But it was him they took, far away, and stuck in a penitentiary lordy

G **F** **C**
I canâ€™t help but wonder, if weâ€™d all stand up like him

Em **D** **C**

Then thereâ€™d be no one to carry those damn guns for something nobody believes in

D Em D C

But that ainâ€™t the way it was, that ainâ€™t the way it is

D Em D C

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D Em D C

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